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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/710,570	Applicant(s) BONALLE ET AL.	
	Examiner Andrew Joseph Rudy	Art Unit 3687	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>8 separate IDS's</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-16 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1, line 4, "a first enterprise data collection" does not have support from the descriptive portion of the specification. Further, it is not clear.

Claim 1, lines 4-5, "a first enterprise" does not have support from the descriptive portion of the specification. Further, it is not clear.

Claim 1, line 9, "a second enterprise data collection" does not have support from the descriptive portion of the specification. Further, it is not clear.

Claim 1, lines 9-10, "a second enterprise" does not have support from the descriptive portion of the specification. Further, it is not clear.

Claim 1, lines 15, "a transponder-reader" does not have support from the descriptive portion of the specification. Reader 104 does not clarify this lack of support. Thus, it is not clear.

Claim 1, line 18, "a fob" and "object database system" both are not adequately described from the descriptive portion of the specification and are not clear as to its meets and bounds.

Claims 5, 9 and 12 contain similar unclear language, e.g. "a first enterprise data collection," "a second enterprise data collection" and "a fob," are not descriptive and not clear.

It is noted that if Applicant is able to correct that noted above, a restriction requirement may be required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-16, as understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hurta et al., US 6,317,721

Hurta discloses, e.g. Figs. 1-5 and related text a transponder system, e.g. col. 3, lines 30-50, a transaction device, e.g. col. 5, lines 49-57, and an activity application, e.g. vehicles traveling on lane 28. Hurta does not specifically disclose a second application comprising a common file structure, a fob and a first and second enterprise data collection.

Official Notice is taken that, as understood, a common file structure, a fob and a first and second enterprise data collection used in the database art has been common knowledge in the art. To have provided such for Hurta would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

6. Further pertinent references of interest are noted on the attached PTO-892.

7. Applicant's eight separate Information Disclosure Statements (IDS's) have been cursory reviewed. The voluminous nature of the IDS's is noted. Applicant is requested to particularly point out the relevancy of each reference in juxtaposition with the claim language.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Joseph Rudy whose telephone number is 571-272-6789. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Gart can be reached on 571-272-3955. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Andrew Joseph Rudy/
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